

### Community Risk Reduction Efforts

- Fire and Life Safety Education
- Project RED Zone
- Free Smoke Alarm Program
- Neighborhoods Program
- Community CPR/AED training
- Fire extinguisher training
- Youth Fire Intervention Program
- Fire Safety presentations

### Fire Department Headquarters:

830 N. Boonville Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65804  
417-874-2300

### Presentations and training opportunities:

417-874-2381

### Crime Stoppers:

417-869-TIPS

**Text a Tip:** Text 417SPD  
plus your message or photo  
to CRIMES (274637)

### FOR EMERGENCIES: CALL 911

### FOLLOW SFD ON SOCIAL MEDIA



## BUSY START TO 2021 FOR THE SFD

### NEW LADDER 9 PUT INTO SERVICE AT FIRE STATION 9

The Springfield Fire Department officially placed a new Aerial Apparatus into service on April 9. The 78' Rosenbauer Viper Rear mount Aerial is now stationed at Fire Station 9, located at 450 W. Walnut Lawn. The apparatus, at nearly \$900,000, was funded by the voter approved 2017 Level Property Tax initiative and replaces a 2001 Sutphan Aerial Device.



As this truck goes into service, it marks a change in call signs for the City's aerial apparatus. Aerial apparatus are responsible for rescue of persons from tall buildings and ventilation of structure fires through the roof. Previously, the generic term "Truck" was used. The Fire Department is changing to either a "Tower" or "Ladder" designation. A "Tower" indicates a taller aerial ladder that has a bucket at the end for personnel to work from. A "Ladder" indicates a shorter aerial ladder without a bucket. Each type of aerial ladder has specific uses and capabilities.

"Since we have two different types of apparatus in the fleet, this change will allow us to ask for a specific type of apparatus. One type could be more advantageous in certain situations than another," says Battalion Chief Steve Stinnett.

### CONGRATULATIONS ACADEMY 920!

On Feb. 25, Fire Academy 920 graduated 10 personnel from the basic fire academy. These personnel completed over 750 hours of Firefighter I & II training and over 200 hours of Emergency Medical Technician training. The new firefighters began their station assignments the first week in March.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TRAINING?

Beginning in February, the department started two hybrid courses for fire personnel, Incident Safety Officer and Fire Inspector I. Due to departmental emphasis on the occupancy assessment program, all company and chief officers will be taking the Fire Inspector I course (hybrid/seated) to further enhance their knowledge in building inspections and community risk reduction. Advanced officer academies also kicked off in March with 10 personnel completing Fire Officer II and Fire Inspector I training. Truck and rescue academies began later in March.

### FIRST QUARTER NEWS RELEASES

2021 introduced monthly themed press releases focusing on important issues such as accidental fires, medical calls, severe weather, and safety awareness. Below is a list of topic areas covered during the first quarter.

- *Springfield Fire Department responds to more than 200 calls to perform CPR in 2020*
- *Careless smoking the leading cause of 2020 fire-related fatalities*
- *Cooking fires remain top cause of accidental residential fires in Springfield*
- *Water rescue teams prepare for severe weather season*
- *Check smoke alarms when you set your clocks forward*
- *Keep electrical safety in mind with spring cleaning.*

### SFD RECEIVES SEDORA CHARITABLE TRUST GRANT

The SFD received a \$1,861 grant to purchase 20 smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing. With this funding, the department purchased 16 strobe alarms and four bed shakers.

### HANDS ONLY CPR/AED/HEIMLICH VIDEO

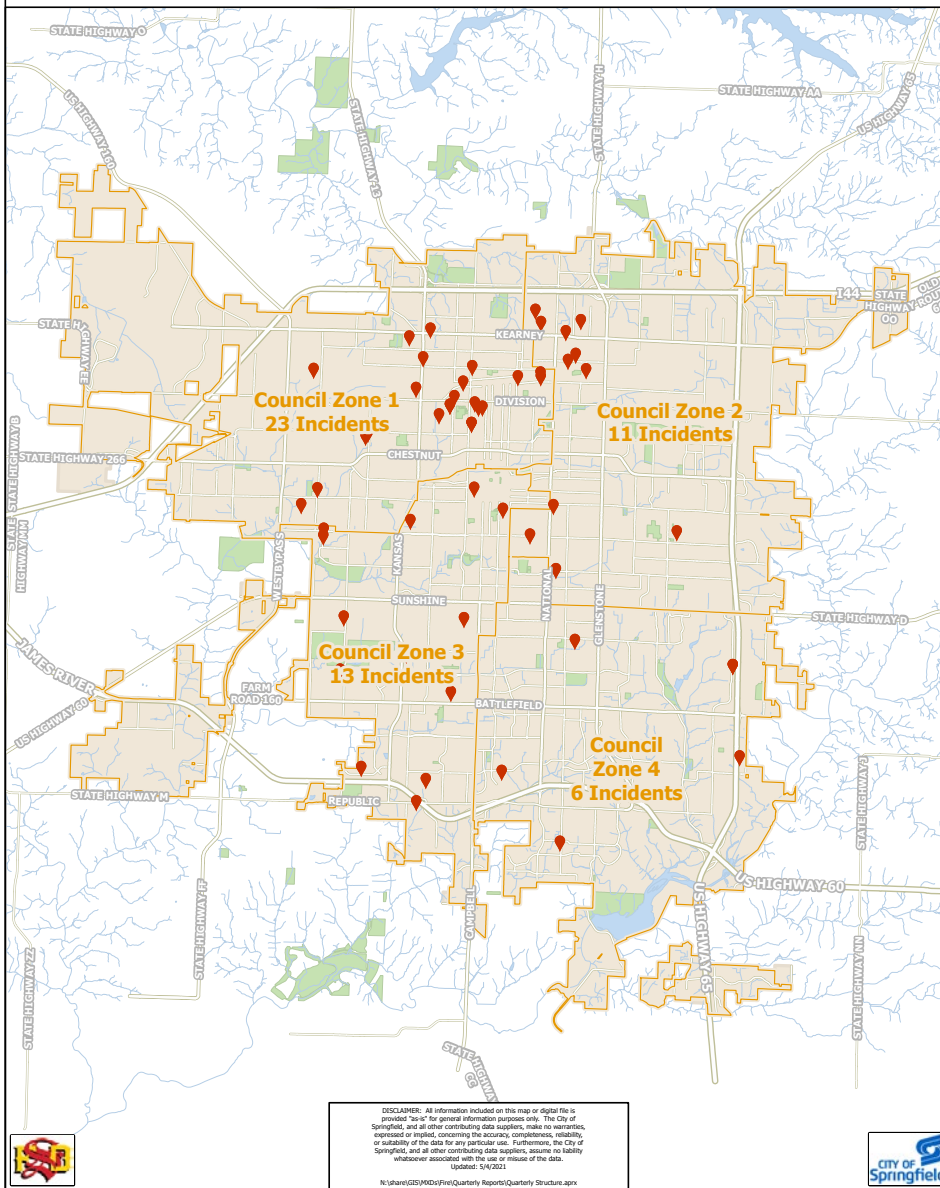
With the expertise and creativity of the Department of Public Information and Civic Engagement's David Cron, the SFD developed a video to be used virtually for training on Hands Only CPR, AED, and the Heimlich Maneuver. This video featured Rescue and Salvage Specialist Geoff Hammer and intern Sarah Bethurem and can be viewed at [vimeo.com/521536333/10510f0a00](https://vimeo.com/521536333/10510f0a00).

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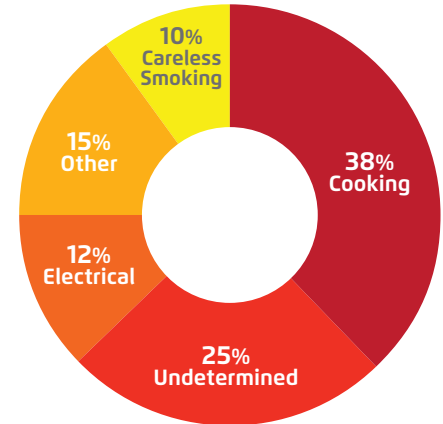
## Structure Fires

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## CAUSE OF ACCIDENTAL STRUCTURE FIRES

January–March 2021



### SMOKE ALARMS:

- 249** Traditional smoke alarms installed
- 3** Smoke alarms installed for the deaf and hard of hearing
- 113** Smoke alarm batteries installed

### COMPLIANCE ENGINE:

- 556** Fire protection system inspections completed
- 186** Fire protection system deficiencies corrected and repaired
- 73%** of fire protection systems inspected were found to be compliant with all fire codes

### OCCUPANCY ASSESSMENTS:

- 444** Occupancy Assessments were completed between Jan. 1 and March 31

### Baseline Response Times: January–March 2021

<b>Structure Fires: First Unit</b>	7 min 4 sec
<b>Structure Fires: Effective Response Force</b>	10 min 30 sec
<b>Emergency Medical Response: First Unit</b>	8 min 46 sec

Response times are one way we measure quality of service. First unit response time is how long it takes the primary apparatus to arrive at the scene after a call is made to 911. Effective Response Force is how long it takes the minimum necessary fire apparatus and personnel to arrive. The table above shows our times in the first quarter.

### January–March 2021

Calls for Service	2,651
Building Fires	52
Other Fires	37
Medical/Rescue Calls	535

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